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3 **Library of California Board Meeting Minutes**  
4 **October 20, 2005**

5 **California State Library**  
6 **914 Capitol Mall, Room 500**  
7 **Sacramento, CA**

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9 **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

10 President Paymaneh Maghsoudi convened the meeting on October 20, 2005 at 10:45 a.m., by  
11 asking Member Tuttle to lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. President  
12 Maghsoudi then welcomed Board members, staff, and audience members to Sacramento and  
13 called for introductions.

14 **Board Members present:** President Paymaneh Maghsoudi, Dr. Conchita Battle, Anne  
15 Bernardo, Victoria Fong, Linda Jewett, Penny Kastanis, Lucy Lin, Jane Lowenthal, and Sally  
16 Tuttle.

17 **California State Library staff present:** State Librarian Susan Hildreth, Tom Andersen,  
18 Chris Berger, Rush Brandis, Ira Bray, Jacquie Brinkley, Carla Lehn, Kathy Low, Cindy  
19 Mediavilla, Barbara Will, Sandy Habbestad, Kevin Saunders, and Cindy Tackett.

20 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

21 *It was moved, seconded (Jewett/Fong) and carried unanimously that the Library of*  
22 *California Board adopts the agenda of the October 20, 2005 meeting as presented.*  
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24 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

25 *It was moved, seconded (Kastanis/Fong) and carried unanimously that the draft*  
26 *minutes of the October 21, 2004 Library of California Board meeting were*  
27 *approved as presented.*  
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## **REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### **Board President's Report**

President Maghsoudi reported that she worked with staff throughout the year on letters for supporting various initiatives on behalf of the Board.

### **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Susan Hildreth stated that Vice-President Sarah Pritchard was not able to be present because of a family emergency. Hildreth noted that she and Tom Andersen worked on the interview process to fill vacancies in the Library Development Services Bureau.

### **Guest Speaker's Report on the Future of Cooperative Services**

Susan Hildreth introduced guest speaker Maureen Sullivan and stated that the State Library is beginning a process of looking at the services that are provided by our cooperative systems and how the California Library Services Act (CLSA) is functioning today. She stated that we are in a completely different information and library environment than when the CLSA law was drafted. Hildreth stated that she hoped that we could determine if we are using CLSA dollars as effectively as possible. In order to assess that and to get information from the Board and the library community, a number of activities have been initiated. Hildreth stated that first we looked at our reference services, both first and second-level. The next step would be to work with Sullivan and have focus groups where all cooperative library services would be discussed, not just reference services.

Andersen stated that over the summer the State Library convened a series of focus groups specifically targeting reference services at the system level. That continued a series of discussions that began in the Bay Area during the previous winter. The resulting report is

1 included in the Board packet. Andersen noted that all CLSA services would be looked at during  
2 the upcoming focus groups, including reference services.

3 Sullivan provided information regarding her background, stating that she is a librarian, but  
4 her career in libraries has really focused in several areas, but more recently as an independent  
5 consultant. As part of her background, she talked about some of her prior experience working  
6 with libraries in California. She then provided a brief overview of the plan for the focus groups  
7 as they are currently being developed. Sullivan stated that her initial approach would be to get a  
8 current assessment of libraries before starting any concrete planning about future programs. She  
9 reported that each session would begin by asking three or four general questions that would  
10 provide the framework for the discussion, and then allow some flexibility depending on the size  
11 and nature of the group, to determine what else might be pursued in the discussion. Sullivan  
12 stated that it is important to have each of the focus groups as similar as possible, but also to allow  
13 the conversation to go in the direction that each group would find most useful and valuable. The  
14 four questions that are being proposed as the framework for the focus groups are:

- 15 • What is working well, currently?
- 16 • What is not working well?
- 17 • What are the systems offering that is of particular value to the member libraries?
- 18 • What are the changes you would like to see?

19 Sullivan stated that the question regarding changes would help the State Library to prepare  
20 for the subsequent convocation, and would provide an opportunity to hear what the library  
21 community is thinking, and what might be different as we focus on the future for libraries and  
22 library systems.

1 Sullivan stated that the purpose of the focus groups would be to gather a wealth of  
2 information. A summary report of the focus groups would include the following key areas:

- 3 • An overall summary of the key findings from the focus groups;
- 4 • Highlights/Information that came out of each distinctive session;
- 5 and hopefully an opportunity for a third component in the report, which would be:
- 6 • A draft outline of the convocation structure and format.

7 This would be a proposal from Sullivan that would be vetted by whoever the key  
8 stakeholders in that effort would be, with Hildreth as the lead.

9 Andersen reported on the dates for the focus group sessions to be held in seven different  
10 locations, plus one videoconference.

11 Member Fong asked which libraries would be participating in the sessions.

12 Hildreth responded that, although public libraries would be the main focus, because of the  
13 services that are already in place and funded, the invitation would not be limited to public  
14 libraries only. Other types of libraries—academic, school, special—would be welcome to  
15 participate. From the information gathered from the focus groups, an agenda would be formed  
16 for the convocation. Hildreth stated that we hope to develop an interactive process, which would  
17 bring together various stakeholders from all types of libraries to get a sense of the larger agenda  
18 for California libraries over the next 10 years. Member Fong asked if the report from the  
19 reference forums would be incorporated into the focus group discussions.

20 Sullivan responded that the CLSA focus group discussions would be a new source of  
21 information and that her report would be derived from what is discussed at those sessions. Some  
22 ideas might correspond, or might even be different, as people would be thinking about the

1 reference service component. Sullivan stated that she sees the reference forums and the focus  
2 groups as two separate processes.

3 Hildreth stated that a handout would be provided at the focus groups explaining the funded  
4 components of CLSA so that participants would understand that the focus is on CLSA-supported  
5 services.

6 Member Kastanis stated that it would be important to begin with some guidelines because  
7 when focus groups were done for the school libraries under the Library of California, there were  
8 many pre-conceived ideas of what libraries thought they would get out of the LoC.

9 Sullivan stated that we would begin each session with a quick review of the CLSA guidelines  
10 and close each session with an opportunity for questions, and then go over next steps.

11 Member Lowenthal commented on the various locations, stating that there was not a session  
12 being held in close proximity of the libraries of Los Angeles City, Los Angeles County, and  
13 Ventura County.

14 Andersen responded that the locations were based on the seven regions of the Library of  
15 California and explained the reasons for choosing the locations.

16 Maureen Theobald, Black Gold Cooperative Library System, asked who would be the  
17 suggested library staff to attend the focus group sessions.

18 Hildreth responded that it would be great to see each library jurisdiction send at least one  
19 representative, and as many System staff as possible should attend.

## 20 **Election of Board Officers for 2006**

21 President Maghsoudi asked for the report from the Nominating Committee for Board  
22 Officers for the year 2006. Committee Chair Kastanis stated that she was appointed to the  
23 committee, along with Susan Steinhauser. Member Kastanis reported that since the Board meets

1 once a year, the committee would like to continue with the same slate of officers for 2006. She  
2 provided the names of President Maghsoudi as Board President and Member Pritchard as Board  
3 Vice-President for the 2006 calendar year.

4 *It was moved by the Nominating Committee (Kastanis) and carried unanimously*  
5 *that the Library of California Board elects Paymaneh Maghsoudi as President of*  
6 *the Library of California Board for the year 2006.*  
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8 *It was moved by the Nominating Committee (Kastanis) and carried unanimously*  
9 *that the Library of California Board elects Sarah Pritchard as Vice-President of*  
10 *the Library of California Board for the year 2006.*  
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## 12 **LoC Board Meeting Schedule**

13 Sandy Habbestad reported that after surveying Board members regarding possible dates to  
14 hold a one or two day meeting in 2006, it was the Board's consensus that September 13<sup>th</sup> and  
15 14<sup>th</sup> would be calendared for its annual meeting in Sacramento. If only a one-day meeting was  
16 necessary, the consensus of the Board was to hold it on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

17 Member Kastanis stated that if possible the Board should meet in a videoconference setting  
18 during the year, in addition to the meeting in Sacramento. Andersen commented that, although  
19 doable, a meeting held by videoconference or telephone conference would have to be noticed  
20 and each conference location would need to be made available to the public.

## 21 **Legislative Committee Report**

22 Member Kastanis, acting chair of the Legislative Committee, reported that the committee  
23 consisted of Susan Steinhauser, who was unable to attend, Anne Bernardo, and Jane Lowenthal.  
24 Member Kastanis reviewed the Legislative report from Committee Chair Steinhauser. She noted  
25 that the California Library Association (CLA) Legislative Day is April 26, 2006 in Sacramento,  
26 and the "Day in the District" is scheduled for January 27 and February 3, 2006. The "Day in the

District” event is a great opportunity to meet with your legislator, or one of his/her staff members, at the local office site to discuss libraries. Member Kastanis stated that Assembly Member Lois Wolk, from the Vacaville area, has taken on a portion of the work previously done by long-term library supporter, Dede Alpert, by speaking out for libraries in general.

At the request of Member Kastanis, Hildreth reported that the library community was successful in getting the Governor to sign the \$600 million Library Construction Bond measure and placed on the ballot for the June 2006 election. She noted that the LoC Board has gone on record in support of SB 1161, the legislation supporting the ballot measure. There is an action committee working on the campaign for the ballot measure.

***It was moved, seconded (Lowenthal/Fong) and carried unanimously that the Library of California Board endorse SB 1161 (Alpert), the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act, that will be on the ballot in June 2006.***

In responding to a question from Member Lowenthal, Member Kastanis stated that the date for this year’s California School Library Association (CSLA) conference is November 17-20, 2005 in Ontario. The 2006 annual conference is November 16-19 in Sacramento. Member Kastanis stated that it is very hard for the school librarians to leave their jobs in the middle of the week to attend Legislative Day. She said that out of 200 school librarians, 20-30 might attend.

Member Bernardo reported that in 2003, the County Law Library Task Force was established with AB1095. A report was released in the spring of 2005, which was posted on the Council of California County Law Librarians’ Web site as well as the Judicial Council’s Web site. She stated that there were two small claims bills that were signed by the Governor this year that impacted county law libraries and their funding. She reported that there have been several legislative initiatives, both from the Judicial Council and the Commission and Access to Justice.

1 Member Bernardo reported that the County Law Libraries' perspective with the Judicial Council  
2 has been growing as a key component in its access to justice. Many of the reports mentioned the  
3 Law Libraries as partners or as self-represented litigants in language barriers in the courts.

4 Member Kastanis added that the law libraries are always very well represented at the  
5 California Library Association legislative meetings and take a very active role.

6 Member Lowenthal reported on a bill that would help libraries in the areas of the Gulf Coast,  
7 stricken by the devastation of the hurricanes this year. She stated that there is a provision in the  
8 IRS Code that allows only people who submit a federal 1040 form to received deductions for any  
9 charitable contributions. Member Lowenthal stated that a bill would be introduced into congress  
10 next week called the "Katrina Rita Hurricane Relief Act of 2005." The bill will allow the  
11 donations that any U.S. citizen provides on a federal 1040A or 1040EZ form to be take off at  
12 100%, in addition to deductions that are allowed through the standard deduction on the A or EZ  
13 form. Member Lowenthal stated that based on preliminary estimates this will bring over  
14 \$600,000,000 to the Gulf Coast area, with libraries being a major recipient of funds. She asked  
15 that Board members consider speaking to their congress member about being a co-sponsor.

16 Barbara Will stated that a year ago Congressman Becerra of California introduced an  
17 amendment to the Higher Education Act, which extended loan forgiveness. Under the Higher  
18 Education Act a person who gets a teaching credential and teaches in a low-income area for five  
19 years will receive forgiveness on their student loans. Congressman Becerra's amendment would  
20 have changed it and extended it to librarians as well. Although the amendment was not passed,  
21 the Higher Education Act is up for reauthorization this year. In both the Senate and the House  
22 they now have provision for forgiveness on student loans for librarians who then serve in  
23 primarily rural or urban areas that are below certain poverty levels. Will stated that this is an area



1 that the LoC Board has not previously taken a stand; however, taking one now would mean that  
2 when the Higher Education Act comes before the congress, the Board President could speak on  
3 the Board's behalf in that area. Will stated that the reauthorization would, most likely, take place  
4 next year instead of this year, because of time constraints.

5 *It was moved, seconded (Lowenthal/Kastanis) and carried unanimously that the*  
6 *Library of California Board recommend and endorse all bills supporting*  
7 *librarians, in addition to those that support the teachers, parity and equity in their*  
8 *practices.*  
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10 Hildreth asked if the Board has taken a position on the proposed law regarding the Digital  
11 Media Consumer Rights Act. Will stated that the Board has already taken a position that was  
12 broad enough to encompass the proposed legislation.

### 13 **Budget and Planning Committee Report**

14 In the absence of Committee Chair Sarah Pritchard, President Maghsoudi stated that there  
15 were two action items for the Board's consideration.

16 *It was moved, seconded (Jewett/Lowenthal) and carried unanimously that the*  
17 *Library of California Board adopts the 2005/06 CLSA Budget as displayed in the*  
18 *chart entitled "Summary—2005/06 CLSA Baseline Budget Recommendation by*  
19 *Program" and that the aforementioned chart be included in the minutes of this*  
20 *meeting. (See Attachment A)*  
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22 *It was moved, seconded (Fong/Bernardo) and carried unanimously that the*  
23 *Library of California Board approves the CLSA System Plans of Service for each*  
24 *of the 15 CLSA Cooperative Library System submitted for fiscal year 2005/06.*  
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### 26 **Resource Sharing Committee Report**

27 Committee Chair Victoria Fong reported that Member Jewett has accepted the position of  
28 Chair of the Resource Sharing Committee immediately following its October 2005 meeting, and  
29 will continue as chair through the 2006 calendar year.

## Transaction Based Reimbursements

Habbestad reported that the annual cost studies that determine the proposed reimbursement rates for the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Direct Loan programs were completed and the results were sent to the Department of Finance as part of the ECP (Enrollment, Caseload, Population) process. The Department of Finance did not increase the budget to reflect the high volume of loans through the ECP process, but reduced the budget by 4.5% along with all CLSA programs to aid in the state's budget deficit. The cost study resulted in a decrease in the base rate for the ILL program—from \$5.12 to \$4.48; and for the Direct Loan program, the study reflected a one-cent increase in the base rate. Habbestad reported that after factoring in all the cost elements, the rates for 2005/06 were being proposed at \$4.95 for eligible ILL transactions and \$0.89 for net-imbalance Direct Loan transactions. She stated that once adopted by the Board, the rates would be sent to the Department of Finance for approval as directed in the statute.

***It was moved, seconded (Fong/Battle) and carried unanimously that the Library of California Board adopts, subject to the concurrence of the State Department of Finance, reimbursement rates for the 2005/06 fiscal year as follows: for CLSA interlibrary loans, a reimbursement rate of \$4.95 per eligible transaction; for CLSA direct loans, a reimbursement rate of \$.89 per eligible transaction; and that the Chief Executive Officer inform all participants of the 2005/06 reimbursement rates as soon as Department of Finance concurrence is obtained.***

Member Tuttle voiced a concern she had about the actual cost of filling an ILL request versus the dollar amount approved by Finance. Hildreth stated that there is a methodology in place that was adopted by the Board in the early 1980s. She stated that the Department of Finance does not determine the rates, but accepts or rejects the reimbursement rates that are developed through the cost study.

Member Fong introduced the next item on the agenda stating that because of the TBR budget and the increasing number of transactions, a motion was needed to withhold a percentage from

1 each payment.

2 *It was moved, seconded (Fong/Jewett) and carried unanimously that the Library*  
3 *of California Board directs its Chief Executive Officer to withhold 60% from all*  
4 *CLSA ILL and Direct Loan Program reimbursement payments throughout the*  
5 *2005/06 fiscal year and that, after determining the full State cost of the ILL and*  
6 *Direct Loan programs for 2005/06, directs the CEO to pay the full amount*  
7 *remaining due to each participating library if sufficient funds remain in the*  
8 *2005/06 CLSA ILL and Direct Loan Program appropriation, or to prorate the*  
9 *final payment equitably if insufficient funds remain in the 2005/06 CLSA ILL*  
10 *and Direct Loan Program appropriation.*  
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## 12 **Consolidations and Affiliations**

13 Committee Chair Fong put forward two motions for the Board's consideration. First, the  
14 Richmond Public Library has requested a change in System membership from North Bay  
15 Cooperative Library System to the Bay Area Library and Information System. Secondly, the  
16 Fullerton Public Library has requested to re-affiliate with the Santiago Library System after a  
17 three-year separation.

18 *It was moved, seconded (Fong/Jewett) and carried unanimously that the Library*  
19 *of California Board approves the proposed change in System membership for the*  
20 *Richmond Public Library from the North Bay Cooperative Library System to the*  
21 *Bay Area Library and Information System effective July 1, 2006.*  
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23 Donna Truong, representing the Bay Area Library and Information System (BALIS), stated  
24 that BALIS is glad to have Richmond back as a member. Annette Milliron, North Bay  
25 Cooperative Library System, reported that North Bay is pleased that Richmond Public Library is  
26 returning as a member of BALIS; however, Richmond will also continue to be an associate  
27 member of North Bay because of their involvement with SuperSearch.

28 *It was moved, seconded (Fong/Lowenthal) and carried unanimously that the*  
29 *Library of California Board approves the affiliation of the Fullerton Public*  
30 *Library with the Santiago Library System effective July 1, 2006.*  
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## **System Reference Program**

Member Fong called on Habbestad to provide background regarding the motion for consideration. Habbestad stated that the System Population and Membership figures require the Board's consideration in order to calculate the System Reference Program allocations for each of the fifteen cooperative systems. She noted that there were no changes in the System structure for 2005/06 and that the populations for the three systems affected by the action taken for Richmond and Fullerton will be calculated for next year's (2006/07) allocation.

Member Fong congratulated each of the 15 Systems for the Plans of Service they submitted and for doing so much with so little money.

Member Kastanis asked about the funding level for Cooperative Systems. Hildreth stated that the reference and information provision is a very important activity at the System level; however, the actual number of reference requests being forwarded to the System for response has greatly declined. Hildreth stated that many users are getting answers to fairly rudimentary questions, but the level and complexity of questions that come through the System is much higher. She stated that the CLSA System Reference funding that is allocated to Systems matches the amount of questions being answered; although this is not true in every situation, it is becoming a trend.

Member Jewett questioned the amount of school districts in the Systems and whether districts have access to online databases that are offered by the Systems. She asked if it would benefit the schools to pay the fee to join a System in order to receive online database subscriptions. Tom Andersen stated that CLSA Systems are legal organizations of public libraries. He reported that each System on its own could decide whether it wants additional members and part of that depends on how the System is organized, as a Joint Powers Agreement or a different type of organization. He stated that some Systems have associate members, such as community colleges

1 and special libraries, but it depends on the System. Andersen stated that it is a local decision and  
2 the State is not involved in the local end of how the System functions.

3 Member Jewett raised concern about there only being three school districts in the 15  
4 cooperative systems. Andersen responded that there is a section of the law that allows for joint  
5 unified school district library districts to be members of a System, but in each case it is the  
6 school district that operates the public library. He stated that the law considers those three  
7 libraries as California public libraries.

8 Annette Milliron, North Bay and North State Cooperative Library Systems, stated that North  
9 Bay negotiates database licensing for its members. North Bay also includes Petaluma High  
10 School District and Marin County Office of Education as associate members. Milliron stated  
11 that although school libraries are not covered under the CLSA law, they pay the System a  
12 membership fee in order to receive services from the System.

13 Karen Bosch-Cobb, Director of Fresno County Library, stated that in SJVLS, where it is  
14 mostly rural, there is very poor per capita funding in almost all the member libraries. Many of  
15 the libraries in SJVLS don't have the expertise of answering the easy reference questions at the  
16 local level. For these libraries the System Reference funds for training is still needed to improve  
17 reference service. Bosch-Cobb stated that 24/7 Reference Service, Homework Help, and  
18 databases are all reference services, for which decisions need to be made statewide.

19 ***It was moved, seconded (Fong/Jewett) and carried 8-0 (Member Lowenthal not***  
20 ***present) that the Library of California Board approves the System Population and***  
21 ***Membership figures for use in the allocation of CLSA System Reference Program***  
22 ***funds for the fiscal year 2005/06.***  
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1 **System Advisory Board Program**

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3 Andersen stated that the motion presented needs Board approval annually because it allows  
4 Systems to expend funds for travel beyond each System's geographic area.

5 *It was moved, seconded (Fong/Bernardo) and carried 8-0 (Member Lowenthal*  
6 *not present) that the Library of California Board approves the use of 2005/06*  
7 *allocated SAB Program funds, where available within each approved SAB*  
8 *budget, and where requested, to reimburse one SAB member from each System*  
9 *for expenses incurred in attending the November 2005 California Library*  
10 *Association conference to be held in Pasadena.*

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12 **LoC Regional Library Network Development**

13 *It was moved, seconded (Fong/Jewett) and carried unanimously that the Library*  
14 *of California Board approves the two requests for network affiliation for the*  
15 *members listed in Table A, with member services to begin immediately. (See*  
16 *Attachment B)*  
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18 Hildreth stated that she spent time this year visiting various System and Network meetings.  
19 The connections that were made from the Library of California have evolved in many different  
20 ways, from being inactive to providing some incentives and having interest in cooperating,  
21 particularly in the Gold Coast and Heartland regions. The local connections are still very  
22 important and valuable. Member Fong encouraged members to read through the documentation  
23 in the Board packet. Member Jewett asked to have System newsletters sent to LoC Board  
24 members as a tool to stay informed regarding System and member services around the state.  
25 Member Bernardo commended the networks, especially Heartland, for the extra effort provided  
26 to carry on services with very little or no money, and continuing on with the services they had  
27 the foresight to purchase in bulk several years ago. She stated that a number of the special  
28 libraries who are LoC members, even those in the suspended regions, have reiterated their

1 interest in continuing on with the Library of California concept and staying informed, so that  
2 they can move forward if funding becomes available in the future.

### 3 **CLSA System Communications and Delivery Program**

4 President Maghsoudi called on Habbestad to provide additional information regarding the  
5 System C&D Program. Habbestad stated that the documents in the packet are compiled and  
6 summarized from the 2005/06 System Plans of Service and 2003/04 System Annual Report.

### 7 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

8 Kathy Aaron, President, Tierra del Sol (TdS) Library Network, stated that she is considering  
9 asking the TdS Board to unincorporate as a 501(c)3. She reported that it takes staff time and  
10 money to maintain the things that are legally binding, like the paperwork for the Fair Political  
11 Practices Commission (FPPC). Aaron reported that Inland has had a long history of having a  
12 successful mulitype network; however, soon there will not be the staff to provide the services.  
13 She stated that trying to increase the number of reference questions without the staff to do the  
14 work is futile. Member Lowenthal commented that Aaron might want to talk to her local  
15 community foundations who receive money from major financial donors. They will often have a  
16 staff person who can provide a few hours of administrative work. Aaron voiced her concern  
17 about recruiting for the TdS Board. She stated that she was told that it might cost up to \$3,000 to  
18 unincorporate.

19 Andersen stated that it was his understanding that as long as an organization is registered as a  
20 501(c)3 for the IRS, costs would incur. He reminded the Board that the reason the 501(c)3  
21 structure was suggested was so that all the members could have voting rights. With a JPA only  
22 public agencies could be voting members.

1 Mary Ellen Tyckoson, San Joaquin Valley Library System (SJVLS), stated that while talking  
2 about the future of the CLSA Systems and looking at individual components of the Systems, we  
3 recognize the importance of the existence of the CLSA Systems themselves in tying people  
4 together in the region and forming a structure for everything that is done in terms of cooperation.  
5 She stated that SJVLS does a lot beyond what CLSA funds provide. She believes there is a core  
6 group that would stay together, but thinks that some libraries would slowly drop out if they  
7 didn't have the membership in the CLSA System to give them incentive. The fact that libraries  
8 are still affiliating speaks to the value of Systems. If CLSA Systems were no longer funded, she  
9 wonders how we can hold together as a group.

#### 10 **BOARD COMMENTS**

11 Member Fong thanked Hildreth for her leadership on behalf of the Library of California. She  
12 thanked the staff for the materials prepared for this meeting. She requested that more time be  
13 allocated to the LSTA portion of the meeting.

14 Member Lin stated that the K-12 school libraries' funding was drastically cut because K-12  
15 libraries are considered a supportive program to the curriculum. She stated that her school  
16 library lost all the material funds and library staff. Member Lin reported that school libraries will  
17 be relying more on public libraries to serve children and youth in the future if the financial  
18 problem is not resolved. She looks forward to collaborating with the library community more to  
19 acquire the support needed.

20 Member Battle thanked the staff for all the information forwarded to Board members.

21 Member Kastanis stated she has seen associates who, for many years, have worked for the  
22 promotion of school libraries, public libraries, academic libraries, and special libraries. She does  
23 not know where the fault lies, but the decision makers have not made the connection between



1 libraries and learning. She is very pleased to see the new staff on board at the State Library and  
2 believes they will be a great support to what goes on at the State Library. Member Kastanis  
3 stated that she sees a resurgence of some feelings towards the State Library, as it is the heart and  
4 soul of what goes on with libraries in California.

5 Chief Executive Officer Hildreth thanked the staff for their hard work and for the Board for  
6 coming together. With only one meeting annually it's great to come face to face knowing you  
7 support us. Hildreth stated for members in the audience that this is a very difficult time, but we  
8 are looking at ways to improve resource sharing. She reiterated that CLSA Systems are currently  
9 funded. The Systems are what we have in place and we need to strategically build on that  
10 understanding with the Legislature and in the Department of Finance. She stated that  
11 unfortunately, nobody in the Governor's office, the legislature, or finance, really ever took on the  
12 Library of California as his or her own project. Hildreth stated that the focus groups would allow  
13 us to look at where we are now and figure out how to strategically move ahead and keep  
14 relevance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

15 Member Jewett stated she is honored to be on the Board. She commented on the Library of  
16 California, stating that although it's going through some hard times, it's a well thought out  
17 concept, and with patience and advocacy it will prevail. Member Jewett stated that she attended  
18 the American Association of School Librarian's Conference in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, attended  
19 by about 8,000 school librarians. At the opening general session, Michael Gorman, President of  
20 ALA, spoke to the group about how essential school library media teachers are. School libraries  
21 in California may be considered the lowest in the nation, as far as staffing in school libraries.  
22 She reported that the keynote speaker at the conference was Coach Carter from Richmond High  
23 School, whose life was portrayed in the movie, *Coach Carter*. Member Jewett also stated that

1 she had the pleasure of organizing 150 field trips for 3,000 Sacramento City Unified School  
2 District kindergarten children to go to the public library and get their library cards. She was able  
3 to personally participate in about 30 of the field trips, which hopefully will make a difference in  
4 our literacy rate.

5 Member Lowenthal thanked the staff and welcomed new staff. She stated that one of the big  
6 problems we have is that we are not receiving the funding needed from the state. One of the  
7 ways to get the visibility is to keep the Library of California and the programs the Board  
8 administers, and the concepts and hope that we have for LoC, in front of the Legislature. She  
9 encouraged Board members and the members of the audience to call elected officials whenever  
10 there was a positive statement or story that needed to be told. Member Lowenthal spoke to the  
11 issue of recruiting future librarians. She reminded the Board that the reauthorization process for  
12 LSTA is fast approaching. Lastly, Member Lowenthal stated that the bill she wrote that will  
13 bring in \$600 million to libraries hit by hurricane Katrina and Rita is going to be on the House  
14 floor very soon and co-sponsors are being requested from around the state.

15 Member Bernardo thanked staff for working together so hard this past year and congratulated  
16 Hildreth on her confirmation. She commented on the Library of California and looks forward to  
17 the day when she will have the chance to bring the viewpoints of special libraries fully to the  
18 Board.

19 Member Tuttle thanked staff for the meeting preparation. She commented on her feelings  
20 regarding the Library of California and the regional library networks. Member Tuttle stated that  
21 schools and libraries needed to cooperate more at the local level. She would like to see every  
22 school plan a program with their local library and do the program in the library.

23 President Maghsoudi thanked staff for the meeting preparations.

1 Hildreth added that the closing luncheon speaker at the CLA conference is going to be a  
2 woman called the Hollywood Librarian. She is going around the country trying to change the  
3 point of view of the typical stereotype of what a librarian is and the image portrayed.

4 Andersen commented that for members attending the CLA conference, the State Library will  
5 have a display booth, funded primarily by Infopeople, highlighting several of the LSTA projects  
6 and the state literacy program, in the exhibit area.

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8 **ADJOURNMENT**  
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10 With there being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved, seconded  
11 (Kastanis/Lowenthal) and carried unanimously to adjourn at 2:06 p.m. on Thursday, October 20,  
12 2005.

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**SUMMARY – 2005/06 CLSA BASELINE BUDGET  
RECOMMENDATION BY PROGRAM**

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>2004/05 BUDGET</b>	<b>2005/06 BASELINE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL FUNDING RECOMMENDED</b>
Transaction Based Reimbursements	\$ 12,145,000	\$ 11,616,000	-0-
Consolidations & Affiliations	-0-	-0-	-0-
Statewide Data Base	175,000	-0-	-0-
System Advisory Boards	28,500	27,260	-0-
System Reference	1,681,500	1,608,340	-0-
System Communications & Delivery	1,140,000	1,090,400	-0-
System Planning, Coordination, & Evaluation	-0-	-0-	-0-
Statewide Communications & Delivery	-0-	-0-	-0-
State Reference Centers	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,170,000</b>	<b>\$14,342,000</b>	<b>-0-</b>

<p><b>Table A</b> <b>Requests for Network Affiliation for New Members</b></p>
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**GOLD COAST LIBRARY NETWORK**

**Member**

Santa Ynez Valley Union High School

**Participating Libraries**

Santa Ynez Valley Union High School Library

**HEARTLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY NETWORK**

**Member**

Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno

**Participating Libraries**

Islamic Cultural Center of Fresno Library